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STORING GAME PROGRAM AND GAME DATA EXCHANGE METHOD

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The references were cited in the attached Japanese Office Action regarding a foreign counterpart application.

In regard to the reference cited under "Other Documents" the Japanese Examiner commented that the game in which the game data exchange processing becomes to be performed according to the game progress situation is well known.

Copies of the references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ and are being resubmitted herein for the Examiner's consideration.

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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